

# Resource Consents

## 2016/2017

### Environmental Regulation



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## Key points

- » 546 resource consent applications were processed in 2016/17. All of these applications were processed within statutory timeframes.
- » 99% of applications were processed on a non-notified basis.
- » Of the two notified consent projects processed in 2016/17, none were appealed to the Environment Court.

## What happened in 2016/17?

During the past year, Greater Wellington Regional Council's (GWRC) consents team processed 546 resource consent applications. The majority (99%) of applications were processed on a non-notified basis. The types of resource consents processed are shown in Figure 1.

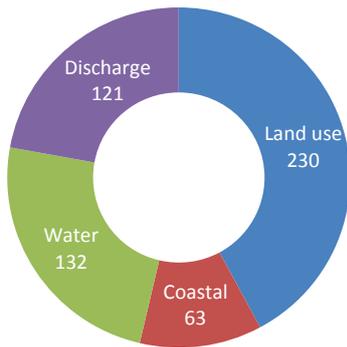


Figure 1: Types of resource consents processed 2007-2017

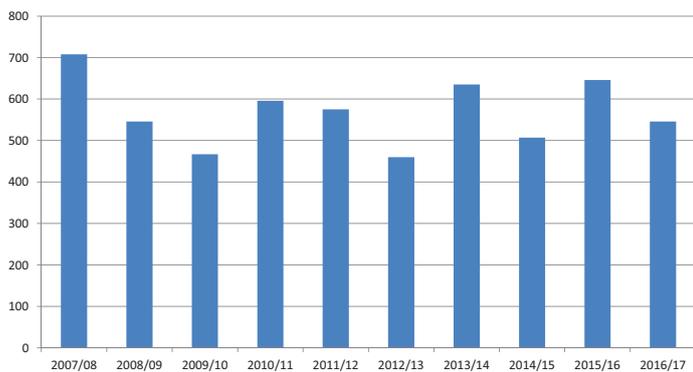


Figure 2: Resource consents processed 2007-2017

The number of consents processed during the year was below the average (567) for the past 10 year period 2007-2017.

## Notified applications

### Fully notified applications

Two fully notified consent applications were decided during 2016/17.

The following application was approved (subject to consent conditions) by Hearing Panels:

- **Taylor Preston Ltd** – discharge permit to discharge contaminants to air from the operation of an existing abattoir and animal by-products rendering plant in Ngauranga Gorge, Wellington.



The following application was approved (subject to consent conditions) under delegated authority as with the need to hold a hearing:

- **GWRC Flood Protection Department** – water permits, discharge permit, and land use consent associated with the construction of a stopbank adjacent to the Waikanae River, Waikanae.



## Limited notified applications

There were no limited notified applications decided during 2016/17.

## Appeals and objections

We received an appeal on a decision on an objection under s357 of the RMA. An applicant objected to consent conditions to a water take application near Martinborough in 2015/16. A hearing was held to determine the objection. Independent Commissioners upheld the original decision made by GWRC. The applicant has objected to the decision of the Independent Commissioners and we are presently working through issues raised in the appeal.

We also received an appeal on a decision of a non-notified consent for a water take application near Greytown. Mediation has been held during the year, and further mediation is schedule for 2017/18.

GWRC decision-making processes (including mediation and releasing draft/interim decisions) are working well as Figure 3 shows the number of appeals received and the number of appeals determined by the Environment Court remains low over the past six years.

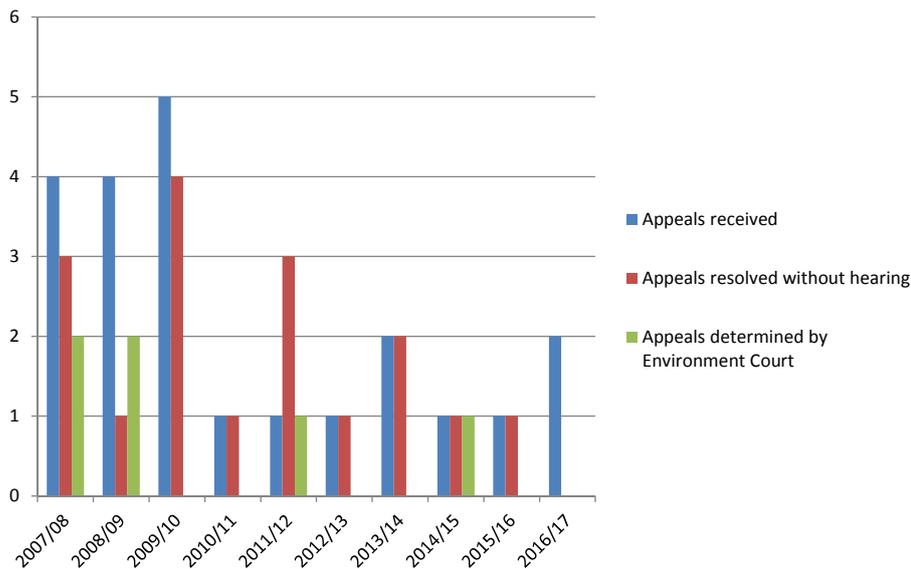


Figure 3: Appeals 2007-2017

There were two objections under s357 of the RMA in 2016/17. Both objections relating to consent processing costs for complex non-notified consents. One objection was withdrawn following the provision of further information on costs, whilst the other objection remains unresolved.

For more information on resource consents processed by GWRC, the resource consent process, or which activities may require consent, contact the Environment Helpdesk on 0800 496 734 or the Wairarapa office on 06 378 2484.

For more information on GWRC's environmental regulation activities, visit our website at [www.gw.govt.nz](http://www.gw.govt.nz).